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The Smartest Card is Your Library Card: Get It, Use It at the San Diego Public Library *September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month*

SAN DIEGO – September is Library Card Sign-up Month, and the City of San Diego Public Library wants to make sure that your child is among the two-thirds of Americans that carry the smartest card of all – a library card.

Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning.

“The Library’s goal is to have every young person in San Diego signed up with a library card,” said City Library Director Anna Tatár. “Kids can come to the library to get homework help and check out books, but they can also check out free music, DVDs and use the Internet to make after school life a little more fun. There’s a lot happening at the San Diego Public Library, and we want to help improve literacy and education throughout the city.”

A recent study by the American Library Association also showed that families use libraries to spend time together. Forty-four percent of survey respondents report taking their children to the library for this reason.

Activities at the San Diego Public Library during Library Card Sign-up Month will include storytelling events, craft programs, film screenings, music concerts and much more.

To obtain an adult library card, patrons must present a picture ID, verification of their name, address and signature and complete a library card application. Patrons younger than 18 years old may be issued a library card if their parent’s or guardian’s signature is on the library card application. Library cards are free to applicants who reside within California or own property in the City of San Diego, and to men and women serving in the armed forces who are stationed within San Diego County. Library cards are permanent and must be renewed every two years.

For more information on how you can sign up for your library card and for upcoming events, visit your local library, or visit the Library on the web at www.sandiegolibrary.org.

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